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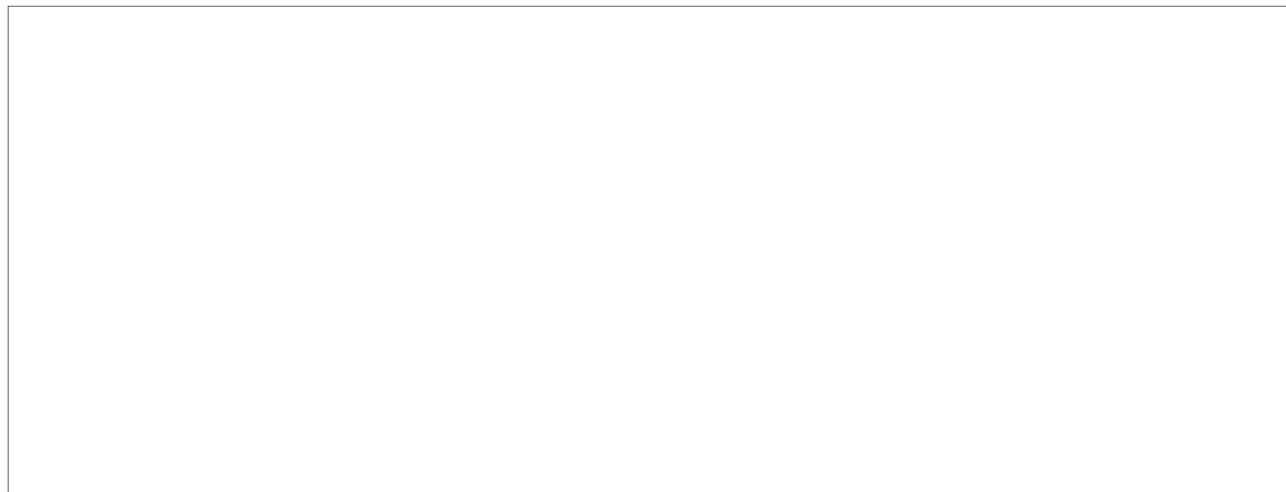
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Lunch With Ambassador Ronald I. Spiers

1. I hosted a lunch and briefings for Ambassador Ronald I. Spiers, Under Secretary of State for Management, and his Executive Assistant, Mary Ryan on 18 November 1986. The Ambassador noted the heavy toll that budget cuts were having on the Department. They are facing cutting 700 positions in 1987 -- he did not specify whether this would be accommodated by attrition or by an actual reduction in force. He did note that European posts have been asked to identify 7 percent of their positions that could be eliminated. He also said that the Department was considering closing additional posts as a cost cutting measure.

25X1 2. The Ambassador thought that the [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] was working well. As a taxpayer, he lamented the duplication of effort but understood that our more stringent security requirements made that necessary. The Ambassador observed that as long as George Shultz was Secretary of State, the Department would not administer polygraph tests to its personnel. He acknowledged that an agreement had been reached for State employees who would be working on the joint CIA-State Plain Text Processing Equipment program to take the polygraph. He personally thought a similar
25X1 arrangement would make sense [redacted] Ambassador Spiers mentioned that he had taken us up on our invitation to take the polygraph, and he had
25X1 found it an interesting experience.



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5. Ambassador Spiers said that former Ambassador to Bahrain, Donald Leidel, was about to launch an effort to merge State's communications, data processing, and information management elements. I reviewed for him our experience in forming the Office of Information Technology and offered to provide any briefings that might be helpful to Ambassador Leidel.

6. The subject of GSA surfaced, and Ambassador Spiers noted that State was considering finding an alternative to GSA for day-to-day maintenance. I told him about our positive experience with Allied and promised to get him some background information on the specifics of our contract with Allied and on how we phased out GSA.

25X1 7. After lunch [redacted] provided a walking tour of the SAFE Support
25X1 Branch, the Northside Computer Center and the Crisis Communications Center.
25X1 [redacted] gave an excellent demonstration of SAFE Delivery 2 that
clearly made Ambassador Spiers envious. He was also very impressed with
25X1 [redacted] enthusiastic briefing on the Northside Computer Center and
the demonstration of the capabilities in the Crisis Communications Center.

25X1 [redacted]
William F. Donnelly

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